

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: (8135 Baltimore Boulevard) Town Hall Liquors Inventory Number: PG:66-44

Address: 8135 Baltimore Boulevard, College Park, Prince George's County

Owner: Joseph & Ronald Burdoo, 8135 Baltimore Blvd., College Park, MD 20740

Tax Parcel Number: D2, p1008, 18, 8 Tax Map Number: 33

Project US 001: South Gate UM-College Park to Sunnyside Ave Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no X yes Name: _____ Date: 8/1/98

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no yes

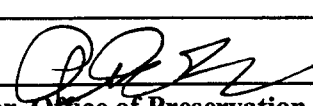
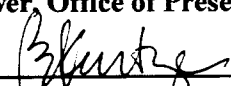
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Built circa 1950, Town Hall Liquors, located at 8135 Baltimore Boulevard, is a plain, stuccoed single story commercial building of concrete block construction. Rectangular in plan with a flat roof and side cooler additions, the building features a covered entrance and decorative brickwork surrounding separate "liquor" and "lounge" doors.

The character and extent of US 1 development has evolved from the late 1940s, when a substantial influx of University students resulted in emergency building funds for the College Park area. The history of the University of Maryland describes the unpleasant aesthetic consequences of unplanned development on the school and the area: "Contributing to the crowded, disjointed atmosphere of the campus after the war was the spread of ugly urbanization reaching out, octopus-like from Washington. Nearby Bladensburg blossomed into a notorious gambling and prostitution center, factories and automobile agencies spread into the once-fashionable suburban villages of Riverdale and College Park, and woodlands turned into barren expanses of truck stops and filling stations. Desperately and vainly the University petitioned to save the charm of the once isolated town, but frequently its faculty and students were only too eager to find quarters in the jerry-built houses nearby. Indeed, the University's huge construction

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services 	Date <u>11/24/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program 	Date <u>11/1/99</u>

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program only added to the rawness." The local setting has continuously evolved with late twentieth century strip malls and franchises replacing the "truck stops and filling stations" described circa 1940.

This property is not eligible for the National Register. Although the building became a crime scene in 1994 when robbers drove a tank through the front of the store and held hostages, the resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**I. Geographic Region:**

- ☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- ☒ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- ☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- ☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- ☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- ☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- ☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present
- ☐ Unknown Prehistoric
- ☐ Unknown Historic

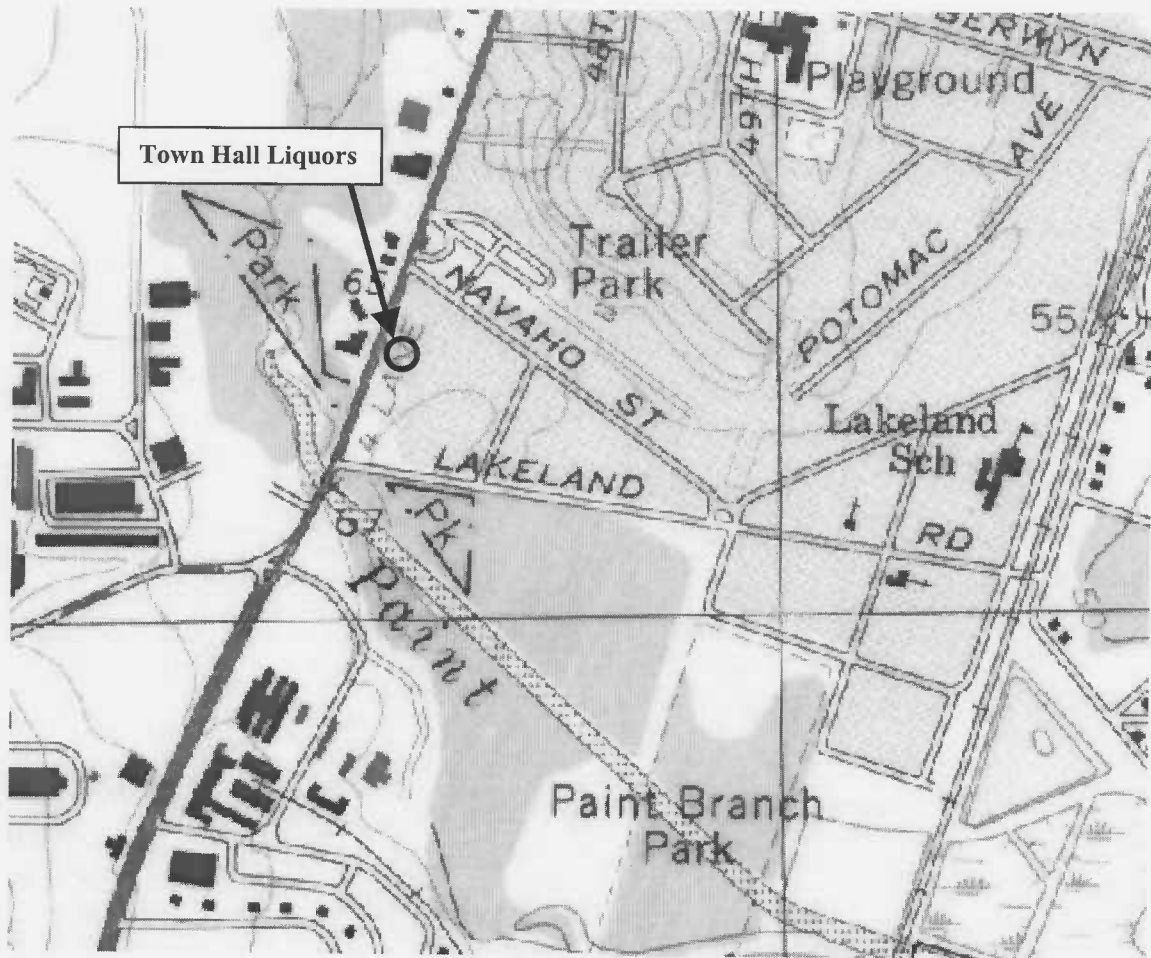
IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
- ☒ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- ☐ Government/Law
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Social Educational/Cultural
- ☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:Category: BuildingHistoric environment: SuburbanHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): CommercialKnown Design Source: None



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- 2) ~~8~~ 8135 Baltimore Blvd. College Park
- 3) Prince George's County, MD
- 4) Jill Dowling
- 5) Aug 1, 1998
- 6) MD SHPO
- 7) 8135 Balt. Blvd, S & E Farabee
- 8) # 1 of 1